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While many states are in the midst of a very active flu season, another form of influenza is also making the rounds, and it's targeting your four-legged friends. That's right, dog flu is a real thing, and vets in at least 46 states have treated infected pups. Find out what symptoms to look out for, how it's spread and ways to treat this highly contagious (to dogs, not humans) illness on page 4. For more health coverage, visit [metro.us](#).

5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW



CHELSEA BOMBER TRIED TO RADICALIZE INMATES

2 The New Jersey man found guilty last year of planting two homemade bombs in Manhattan's Chelsea neighborhood, one of which wounded 30 people, has tried to radicalize fellow inmates with ISIS and al Qaeda propaganda, prosecutors said on Tuesday. Ahmad Khan Rahimi, 29, faces a mandatory life sentence under federal law after being convicted in October of eight counts, including using a weapon

of mass destruction and bombing a public place. His sentencing is scheduled for Feb. 13. Prosecutors said in a filing in Manhattan federal court that since his conviction, Rahimi had distributed "terrorist propaganda" to other inmates at Manhattan's Metropolitan Correctional Center. The materials included issues of the ISIS magazine Inspire and speeches by former al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden, prosecutors said.

TOP COURT REJECTS SHELDON SILVER APPEAL

4 The Supreme Court on Tuesday rejected former New York state Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver's bid to avoid a retrial on corruption charges after his 2015 conviction was thrown out by a lower court. Silver, a Democrat, had appealed a July 2017 lower court ruling that set aside his conviction because of a 2016 Supreme Court precedent but concluded that prosecutors had "sufficient" evidence to prove

the extortion, money laundering and honest services fraud counts on which a jury found Silver guilty. Silver's new trial is tentatively set to begin on April 16. Silver, who represented Manhattan's Lower East Side, was Assembly speaker from 1994 to 2015. Along with Gov. Andrew Cuomo and former Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos, he was one of the "three men in a room" with effective power to dictate legislative priorities.

MUELLER SUBPOENAS STEVE BANNON: REPORT

5 President Donald Trump's former chief strategist Steve Bannon has been subpoenaed by Special Counsel Robert Mueller to testify before a grand jury in a probe of alleged ties between Russia and Trump's 2016 presidential campaign, the New York Times reported on Tuesday. It was the first time Mueller is known to have used a subpoena against a member of Trump's inner circle, the Times said. It cited

a person with direct knowledge of the matter. A spokesman for Mueller's office declined comment. Bill Burke, a lawyer for Bannon, could not immediately be reached for comment. The reported subpoena of Bannon does not mean he is a target of Mueller's criminal investigation. Bannon, a champion of Trump's "America First" agenda, was among the Republican's closest aides during the president's first months in office.

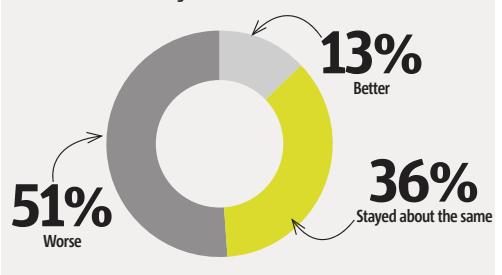
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3 A bridge collapsed in the Guayabetal municipality on the road that connects Bogota, Colombia, with the city of Villavicencio on Monday. When the structure suddenly collapsed, there were about 35 or 40 workers at the site. Ten workers were killed and eight injured, according to authorities.

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Pet owners warned of uptick in dog flu cases


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Here's what you need to know to protect your pup.

As many states are experiencing a very active flu season right now, another form of influenza is also making its rounds across the country, but this one is targeting your four-legged friends.

Like human flu, dog flu is highly contagious—and can be deadly in some cases. As of last week, veterinarians in at least 46 states, including Pennsylvania, Colorado, Florida and California, have treated dogs that were infected with the virus, Fox News initially reported.

"Canine influenza is very similar to the human form in that it is self-limiting and not life-threatening," said Dr. Robin Brennen, senior medical director at Animal Care Centers of New York City. "Influenza can be fatal, but mortality is less than 5 percent."

Dog flu symptoms to watch out for

The symptoms of dog flu are often akin to those related to "kennel cough": coughing, sneezing, fever, nasal and eye discharge, a decrease in appetite and general mood changes, but some of the milder symptoms can turn into pneumonia, Brennen said.

"Prolonged coughing fits, difficulty breathing, lethargy and inappetence should be more causes for concern," she added. "Suspicion should be raised if a large population of dogs gets sick at the same time,



There is a two-dose vaccine that will treat both strains of dog flu, but "immunity is not at its peak until two-plus weeks after the second booster," said Dr. Robin Brennen. iSTOCK

"Canine influenza is very similar to the human form in that it is self-limiting and not life-threatening."

Dr. Robin Brennen

as influenza has about an 80 percent infection rate. This is because it is a relatively new disease, and natural immunity has not occurred."

There are two strains of dog flu, H2N8 and H3N2. The former was first found in racing greyhounds in Florida in 2004, and the strain is believed to have come from a horse flu strain, according to the American Veterinary Medical Foundation.

The latter strain was first identified in the U.S. in 2015 after respiratory illness was detected in Chicago. It likely stemmed from a direct transfer from avian flu in Asia, where it was first discovered in dogs nearly 10 years before, the AVMF said.

"Canine influenza

is transmitted through droplets or aerosols containing respiratory secretions from coughing, barking and sneezing," the AVMA said.

It can be spread via kennels, shelters, dog parks, doggie daycares, dog shows, food and water bowls and collars and leashes. While it cannot be transmitted to humans, dog flu can be transmitted from them—and remain viable, or live and infectious, on surfaces for up to 48 hours, on clothes for 24 hours and on hands for 12 hours.

If your dog is showing any of the above symptoms of canine influenza or is just not acting like their usual self, seek veterinary care.

My dog has canine influenza. Now what?

According to the AVMA, infected dogs should be isolated for at least four weeks, preferably in "an area with a separate air supply," and treatment should be designated by your vet. The dog flu virus seems to be easily killed by common disinfectants found in homes and most pet facilities, the organization added.

Anyone who comes in contact with a dog infected with canine influenza should frequently wash their hands, especially before and after handling or cleaning, and if able, protective attire should be worn to prevent the virus from spreading to clothes.


HOW TO FIGHT DOG FLU

Just like with people, dog flu treatment is often supportive, Brennen said, and "you want to treat the symptoms the dog has and maintain hydration and nutrition."

There is a two-dose vaccine that will treat both H3N8 and H3N2 strains, but

"immunity is not at its peak until two-plus weeks after the second booster," Brennen said.

While it can reduce your pup's risk of contracting dog flu and reduce its severity and duration, vaccination may not prevent infection altogether, she warned.

As in their human counterparts, dogs who get the flu vaccination may experience pain at the injection site, facial swelling, mild fever or an allergic reaction.

The dog flu vaccine may not prevent infection entirely. iSTOCK



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Using data from the top searched public, workplace, school, home and driving safety concerns, Your Local Security lists America's biggest fears by state. YOUR LOCAL SECURITY

What do Americans really fear the most?



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The anxieties range from the federal government to air pollution.

There are many things to be frightened of in the world, especially in the wake of this past weekend's false alarm of an inbound ballistic missile threat in Hawaii, but did you ever wonder what Americans are really scared of?

If you're thinking the answer might include recent headline-making topics like nuclear war, sexual harassment or inequality, you're wrong — and you may be surprised by the results of a new study that breaks down American's fears by state from Your Local Security.

"We want to be a resource and provide information that will make people think about their safety and security," Scott Bay, editor/content strategist for Your Local Security, told Metro. "We want the world to be a safer place and for issues related to security to be a big part of our conversations as a nation."

To gather its data, Your Local Security looked at the top searched public, workplace, school, home and driving safety concerns, and then used Google search trend data to organize and rank by state.

The fears range from the federal government (ironically, the top concern in Washington, D.C.) and natural disasters (Idaho) to air pollution (Oregon) and illegal immigration (Arizona, Connecticut and Rhode Island).

Not surprisingly, given that there were two within the span of 41 days in the back half of 2017, the

top concern in New York was terrorist attacks.

In Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, the biggest fear was whether or not the New England Patriots and Philadelphia Eagles will face each other in Super Bowl LII. Just kidding! The top fears in those states were car accidents and unemployment, respectively.

"The most surprising fear that made the list to me was forklifts, and what was even more surprising

What do Metro readers fear the most?

According to Your Local Security's study, here are the top three fears of residents of New York:

1. Terrorist attacks
2. The environment
3. Income

was how many states had a high search result for that safety concern," Bay said of the fear that was No. 1 in Nebraska.

Gun violence made an appearance in just one state, Illinois, whose biggest city, Chicago, had 2,785 shooting incidents last year, CNN reported — and 89 shooting victims already this year, according to the Chicago Tribune's tracker.

Metro couldn't help but ask what's been keeping Bay up at night.

"For me, the most concerning issue right now is natural disasters and climate change," he said.

NYC WAGE DISPUTE

Wage dispute at NYC's main produce market could lead to strike

The market that supplies New York City with most of its fresh fruits and vegetables faces the prospect of its first work stoppage since 1986 if last-ditch bargaining on Tuesday fails to bridge pay differences in a contract covering 1,100 warehouse workers.

Employers at the sprawling Hunts Point Terminal Produce Market said they were confident an agreement could be reached, but the president of the union said he

believed a strike was more likely than not after the current contract expires at midnight Wednesday.

"I'm not very optimistic that we're going to get a settlement, let's put it that way," said Dan Kane, president of Teamsters Local 202, which represents the workers.

The Hunts Point market says it supplies 60 percent of NYC's food. It is the city's central distribution point for fruits and vegetables that are shipped in from all over the world and delivered to restaurants, grocery stores and hotels. REUTERS

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Dems say they need 1 more Senate vote to overrule net neutrality repeal



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A new political fight is just beginning.

Since the FCC, led by Chairman Ajit Pai, voted to repeal Obama-era laws protecting net neutrality on Dec. 14, the Senate had 60 legislative days under the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to challenge the decision, The Washington Post reports.

Just last Tuesday, they had 40 senators sign off on the resolution to reverse the repeal. Now, they've totalled at 50 votes — all 49 Democratic-aligned senators and one Republican, Susan Collins of Maine, have signed off — and need to get to a majority ruling of 51 to pass.

"[Collins] believes that a careful, deliberative process involving experts and the public is warranted to ensure that consumers have strong protections that guarantee consumer choice, free markets, and continued growth," a spokesperson for the senator told the Bangor Daily News.

As it stands, they are one Republican vote short. As Senate minority leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) tweeted Tuesday morning: "Democrats are united;

we will force a vote to save net neutrality, but we need a majority to do it. RT to tell Republicans to vote YES on the net neutrality CRA."

Sen. Ed Markey (D-Mass.), who proposed the resolution, also took to Twitter Tuesday morning, writing, "Senate Dems are standing with the millions of Americans who have raised their voices in favor of Net Neutrality. The Internet should belong to YOU, not the GOP's corporate cronies."

However, even if they did get a majority vote — just *one* more person to sign off — the bill would next have to go through the Republican-led House and would need to be signed by Trump, who has been very vocal about his support of the Dec. 14 ruling.

Markey predicted, according to Variety, that if the resolution made its way to the House, the vote could be as far away as "late spring or summer" even.

So, it's safe to say that for Democrats, the fight is far from over, and it'll be a hard battle to win.

If they don't succeed, the effects of the net neutrality repeal won't take root right away, but they'll gradually make themselves known.

As Glenn O'Donnell, an industry analyst at the research firm Forrester, wrote in a statement to The Washington

Post: "You and I and everyone else who uses the Internet for personal use will see some changes in pricing models. For most of us, I expect we will pay more. Service

bundles (e.g., social media package, streaming video package) will likely be bolted on to basic transport for things like web surfing and email."

"Make no mistake

about it, net neutrality will be a major issue in the 2018 campaigns, and we are going to let everybody know where we stand and they stand," Schumer said at a press

conference last week, adding, "We are going to be fighting to save a free and open internet, while Republicans are fighting to hand it over to corporations."



Sens. Bill Nelson (D-FL) (L), Ed Markey (D-MA) and Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) speak about the Congressional Review Act (CRA) resolution on Jan. 9, 2018.
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NYC sets new record with 24,500 affordable housing units created in 2017: De Blasio



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The city has financed more than 87,500 affordable apartments over the past four years as the mayor has made housing a priority.

New York City has set a new record for the amount of affordable housing secured in 2017, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced on Tuesday.

The city financed more than 24,500 affordable homes last year, with 48 percent of those homes priced at a level for those who make less than \$33,400 per year, or \$43,000 for a family of three.

That yearly total breaks an all-time record, according to de Blasio.

sio, that was previously set by former Mayor Ed Koch. In 1989, under Koch, the city financed just over 23,100 affordable homes, according to the Associated Press.

"Housing is the No. 1 expense in New Yorkers' lives," de Blasio said in a statement. "We're bringing that expense down by putting shovels in the ground and putting keys in tenants' hands. There is more help than ever to fight eviction, freeze your rent or find an affordable home — and we want New Yorkers to reach it."

Last year's efforts equate to the city having preserved more than 17,300 affordable apartments and financed more than 7,100 new homes — a direct city investment, according to the mayor, of \$1.1 billion.

Over the past four

years, New York City has financed more than 87,500 affordable apartments.

"Not only did we generate the most affordable housing in a single calendar year — a full half of those homes will serve extremely and very low-income New Yorkers," said Housing Preservation and Development Commissioner Maria Torres-Springer in a statement.

"The city's unprecedented investment created opportunities for seniors, homeless residents, and first-time homeowners, as well as M/WBE [minority and women-owned business enterprise] firms across the five boroughs," she added.

The mayor has made affordable housing a focus of his administration from the start, having launched in 2014 a

New York City has set a new record for the most affordable housing units financed in a year. WIKIMEDIA

\$41 billion affordable housing plan aimed at creating and preserving 200,000 affordable housing units within a decade.

The mayor's Public Engagement Unit has also called and knocked

on the doors of more than 280,000 New Yorkers to spread the word about their rights and how to get repairs, legal services and rental assistance enrollment.

The city is continuing to increase this out-

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Hey, at least it won't be another "bomb cyclone," right?

Now that New York City is finally clear of any remnants from the "bomb cyclone" that hit the East Coast two weeks ago, we can expect to see more snow this week, according to the National Weather Service.

Accumulation of 3 to 5 inches is anticipated once the snow starts after midnight Wednesday, and the storm will likely continue through the late morning.

While daytime temperatures will hover in the low- to mid-30s, surely a welcome rise



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from the frigid single digits and teens we experienced during the bomb cyclone, nighttime temps will drop to the low 20s.

As the snow and rain mix is expected to last throughout Wednesday morning, you could experience slick conditions on your morning commute, so take cau-

tion. And be sure to check mta.info for the most current service conditions on subways, buses and commuter rail.

The NWS has already issued a winter weather advisory for New York City, Westchester, the Hudson Valley and parts of southern Connecticut and north-

ern New Jersey from midnight to 6 p.m. Wednesday.

The advisory means that there will be "travel difficulties. Be prepared for snow-covered roads and limited visibilities, and use caution while driving," the agency warned.

But there's good news on the horizon as well, as the weather will break by Thursday, which will be sunny with a high near 36, the NWS said. Friday will also be sunny with a high near 38.

By the weekend, we most likely will forget all about the mid-week white stuff as Saturday will be mostly sunny with a high near 46, while Sunday will be even warmer, with a high near 50, though it'll only be partly sunny, according to NWS forecasters.

Homeland Security secretary says deporting Dreamers not a priority

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen says the deportation of undocumented immigrants will not be a priority if the Trump administration fails to reach a deal to protect immigrants who receive benefits from the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

"It's not going to be a priority of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement to prioritize their removal," Kirstjen Nielsen told "CBS This Morning" Tuesday morning. "I've said that before. That's not the policy of DHS," she added.

Nielsen explained that immigrants who follow the law and are properly registered to DACA program should not be worried about having their benefits end or fear deportation.

"If you are a DACA that's compliant with your registration, mean-



Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen arrives for a hearing held by the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday in Washington, D.C. GETTY IMAGES

ing you haven't committed a crime, you, in fact, are registered, you're not priority of enforcement for ICE should the program end," Nielsen said.

When asked if Dreamers' status would remain a low priority for ICE, Nielsen confirmed that it would as long as they didn't commit a crime.

Nielsen hopes that members of Congress can reach a deal and find a way for legislation to keep the program active.

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Here is what every back and neck pain sufferer who has failed to respond to other treatments and does not want surgery should know about one of the best treatment options available today for severe back and neck pain including when, why and where you should consider this treatment to get maximum results.

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Really... what would it be worth if you could get out of pain for long enough so you could start enjoying your everyday life again?

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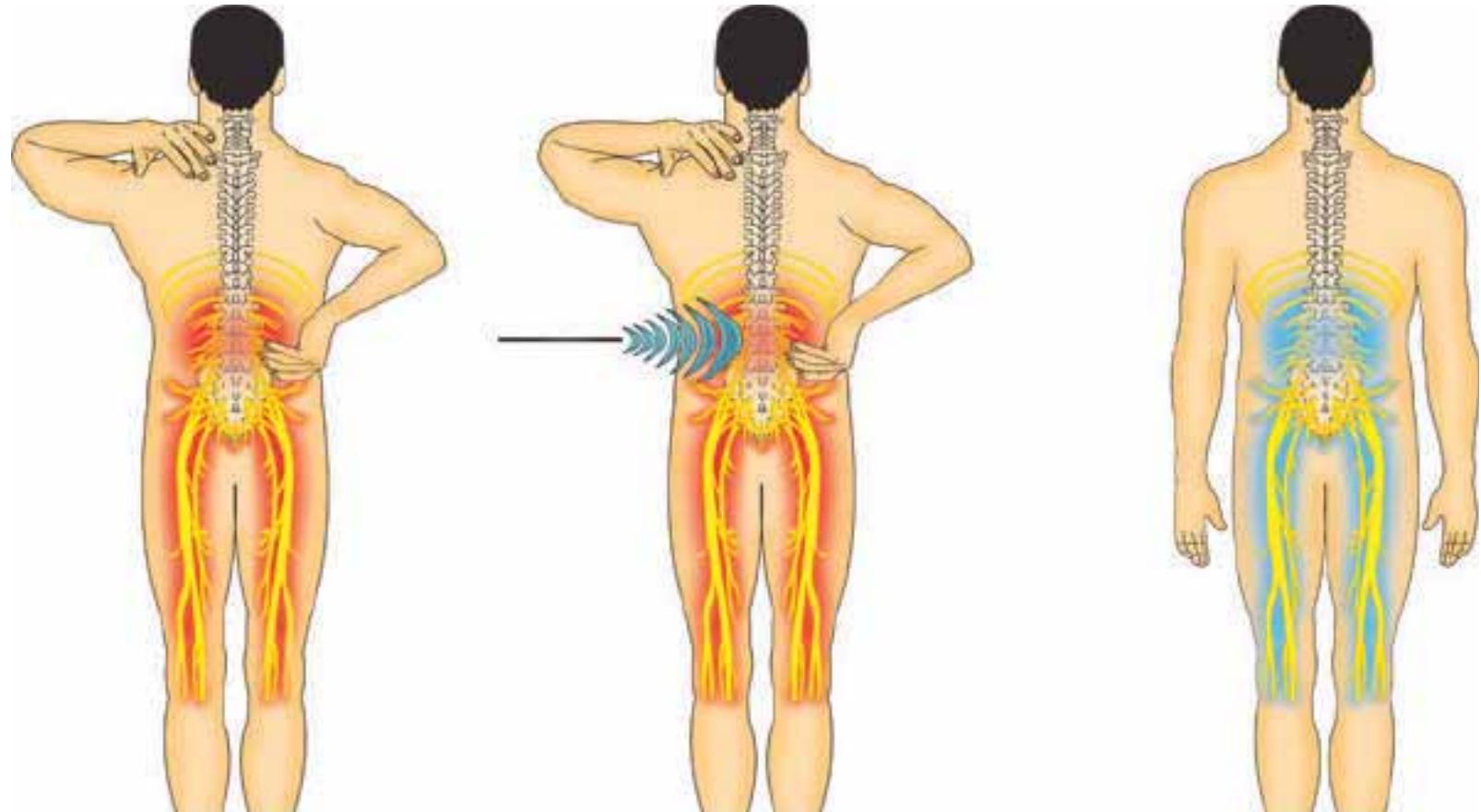
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White House doctor: Trump is fit for duty, but should hit the gym

The president is known to enjoy high-fat foods like fried chicken, hamburgers and steak.

President Donald Trump passed a cognitive test and is in overall excellent health, but needs to lose 10 to 15 pounds by eating better and starting to exercise, the White House physician said on Tuesday.

Trump, seeking to put to rest lingering questions about his mental fitness for office, asked his doctor to add a cognitive screening test to his first presidential medical exam — and also authorized Dr. Ronny Jackson to release a battery of

data from the tests.

The Navy doctor exhausted reporters' questions during an unusually lengthy hour-long session, at Trump's request, and said he did not withhold any information in the interests of privacy.

"He said, 'I want you to get out there and I want you to talk to them and I want you to answer every single question they have,'" Jackson said of Trump.

Trump, 71, is known to enjoy high-fat foods like fried chicken, hamburgers and steak — and while he plays golf, he does not have a daily exercise routine.

Trump's mental fitness for the job had come under intense scrutiny after

a controversial, best-selling book, "Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House," portrayed him as childlike and mercurial.

Past presidents are not known to have been tested for mental acuity while in office - including Ronald Reagan, who five years after leaving the White House was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

Jackson, who speaks with Trump a few times a day and travels with him, said he did not think the president needed cognitive testing based on medical guidelines — but added the 30-question Montreal Cognitive Assessment at Trump's request.

The test looks for signs of dementia or Alzheimer's, an incurable, de-

generative brain disease. Sample questions include asking the patient to draw a clockface, putting in all of the numbers and setting the clock hands to a specific time. The test does not assess psychiatric fitness.

Trump scored 30 out of 30 on the test, Jackson explained. "The president is mentally very sharp, very intact," he said.

Dr. Ronald Petersen, an Alzheimer's disease expert at the prestigious Mayo Clinic, said he could not comment specifically on the president's cognitive health. However, he did say that, in theory, a perfect score on the Montreal Cognitive Assessment does not necessarily rule out cognitive decline.



President Donald Trump views developments at his luxury golf resort during a visit to the Menie Estate in Aberdeenshire, Scotland. PA IMAGES VIA GETTY IMAGES

It is "just one measure in a clinical judgment," he said in an email.

Trump underwent the medical exam on Friday at Walter Reed National Medical Center.

Trump is considered overweight and borderline obese at 6-feet-3 and 239 pounds. His blood pressure was 122/74, within normal bounds, and his cholesterol was on the high side.

Jackson said he would

increase Trump's daily dose of Crestor, a cholesterol drug, and bring in a nutritionist to work with White House chefs. The doctor also said he would also design a daily exercise program for Trump.

"He's more enthusiastic about the diet part than the exercise part, but we're going to both," Jackson said, adding that he might enlist first lady Melania Trump to help.

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Ex-Navy officers charged with negligent homicide

The Navy has already dismissed several senior officers, including the commander of the Seventh Fleet, as a result of ship collisions.

The commanding officers of two U.S. Navy destroyers involved in deadly collisions last year in the Pacific Ocean face courts-martial and military criminal charges including negligent homicide, the U.S. Navy said in a statement on Tuesday.

Filing charges against the officers marks the Navy's latest effort to address the problems that led to collisions involving its warships in Asia, in which 17 sailors were killed.

Evidence supporting the charges against the commanders and several



The guided-missile destroyer USS John S. McCain. GETTY IMAGES

lower-ranking officers who served on the ships will be reviewed soon in investigative hearings, according to the Navy's statement.

"The announcement of an Article 32 hearing and referral to a court-martial is not intended

to and does not reflect a determination of guilt or innocence related to any offenses," the statement added.

The commanding officer of the USS John S. McCain guided missile destroyer, which collided with a merchant ship near

Singapore in August, faces charges of dereliction of duty, hazarding a vessel and negligent homicide, the statement said.

The commanding officer and three other officers on the USS Fitzgerald guided missile destroyer, which collided with a Philippine container ship in June, face charges including dereliction of duty, hazarding a vessel and negligent homicide, the Navy said.

Results from Navy investigations released in November found that both accidents were the result of human error by sailors aboard the ships.

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NYCDOT will have two American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters at the Scoping Meeting, as well as a Spanish certified translator. These accommodations are intended for individuals with disabilities or language barriers. Any additional requests for special accommodations should be made by Monday, February 19th at 4:00 p.m. For more information, locations of the Draft Scope of Work, or if any special accommodations are needed, please contact the BQE Project Team during regular business hours or leave a message at 332-999-4520 or info@bqe-i278.com.

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Mar-a-Lago is a Trump Organization property in Palm Beach, Florida. GETTY IMAGES

Trump's Mar-a-Lago failed a Florida health inspection

The president's club required emergency repairs and racked up 15 food-safety violations.

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President's Trump's Florida resort, Mar-a-Lago, underwent emergency repairs in order to pass

a health department inspection last November, a new report said.

In the Nov. 8 inspection, the club was cited for smoke detectors that lacked flashing lights to guide the hearing-impaired during a fire, 15 food-safety violations, and "slabs of concrete missing from a staircase, exposing steel rebar that could cause someone to fall," the Miami Herald reported on Monday.

The club's two main kitchens got substandard marks for the second time in 2017. "Among the no-nos was the staff's failure to track the freshness of potentially hazardous foods, including curry sauce dated Oct. 21 pulled from a freezer and improperly marked, milk stored at 49 degrees instead of the safe temperature of 41 degrees, and cases of hot dogs stored on the ground of the walk-in freezer," reported the Herald.

The violations were considered "high priority" and required a follow-up visit a week later. The club was rechecked on Nov. 17 and met standards, a report

said. Trump began his Thanksgiving vacation there a week after that.

Mar-a-Lago's kitchens were previously found to violate safety codes in a February 2017 inspection. A week before a visit from Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, inspectors cited sushi that was ready for consumption that had "not undergone proper parasite destruction" and food stored in broken coolers that had temperatures high enough to cause spoilage.

Trump has owned Mar-a-Lago, a 1920s-built property with two restaurants and a B&B since 1985; he has branded it the "Winter White House." The president has been accused of using the presidency to promote and profit from his properties. Soon after the election, the initiation fee for Mar-a-Lago was raised from \$100,000 to \$200,000 a year, with \$14,000 annual dues. According to financial disclosure forms filed by Trump, the club had \$29.7 million in revenue from June 2015 to May 2016.

INTERNET SURVEILLANCE

Senate to vote to renew NSA's internet surveillance program

The Senate on Tuesday planned to vote to advance a bill to renew the National Security Agency's warrantless internet surveillance program, as privacy advocates made a final push to derail the measure.

The legislation would extend the NSA program, which gathers information from foreigners overseas but incidentally collects an unknown amount of communications belonging to Americans. The bill — which easily passed the House of Representatives last week despite mixed signals posted on Twitter by President Donald Trump — would renew the surveillance program for six years with minimal changes.

The measure's passage would mark a disappointing end to a years-long effort by a coalition of liberal Democrats and libertarian-leaning Republicans to redefine the scope of U.S. intelligence collection, fueled by the 2013 disclosures of classified

surveillance secrets by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden.

The legislation requires 60 votes to avoid a Senate filibuster that could delay or block it.

The authorization, formally known as Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), is set to expire on Friday unless the Senate and Trump sign off.

The bill allows the NSA to eavesdrop on vast amounts of digital communications from foreigners living outside the United States via American companies like Facebook Inc, Verizon Communications Inc and Alphabet Inc's Google.

But the program also incidentally scoops up Americans' communications, including when they communicate with a foreign target living overseas, and can search those messages without a warrant.

The White House, U.S. intelligence agencies and congressional Republican leaders have said the program is indispensable to national security. REUTERS

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Baby Kardashian-West is here!

Blessed be: The third Kardashian-West baby has finally blessed us with her presence.

Kim Kardashian and Kanye West's surrogate gave birth to a baby girl, whose name we don't yet know, on January 15 at 12:47 am.

Kardashian announced the news on her website, writing, "Kanye and I are happy to announce the arrival of our healthy, beautiful baby girl. We are incredibly grateful to our surrogate who made our dreams come true with the greatest gift one could give and to our wonderful doctors and nurses for their special care."

The baby girl joins older siblings North, 4, and Saint, 2, who are



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apparently very, very excited about it. "North and Saint are especially thrilled to welcome their baby sister," she wrote.

Congratulations to the Kardashian-Wests on the new addition to their family. Babies are fun! Until they're vomit-

ing on you, but even then it's fine because they're cute!

Timothée Chalamet is bae

Timothée Chalamet took to Instagram to announce that he's donating his salary from working on Woody Allen's "A Rainy Day in New York" to Time's Up, the LGBT Center in New York and RAINN. Atta boy!

"I am learning that a good role isn't the only criteria for accepting a job — that has become much clearer to me in the past few months." He adds: "having witnessed the birth of a powerful movement intent on ending injustice, inequality and



Literal angel baby.

above all, silence." But don't worry — even though Chalamet

is having an a-woke-en-ing, local elderly man Alec Baldwin is not. "Woody Allen was investigated forensically by two states (NY and CT) and no charges were filed," the 59-year-old tweeted, after Chalamet's post.

"I worked w WA 3 times and it was one of the privileges of my career."

Well, whatever. We believe Dylan Farrow (who has accused Allen of sexually abusing her as a child). And it looks like more people in Hollywood finally do, too.

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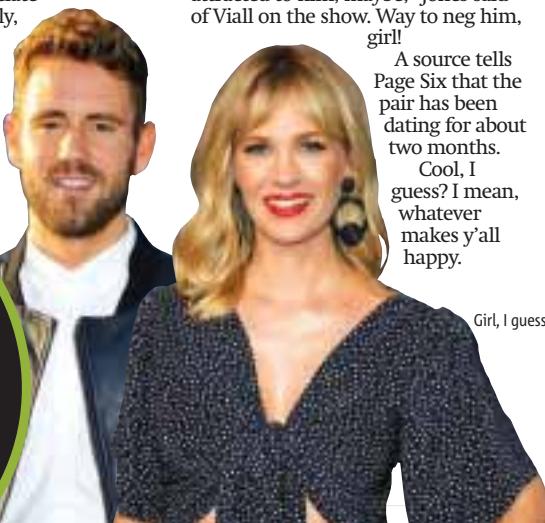


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January & Nick are a thing, apparently

January Jones has a new and frankly very surprising beau.

The "Mad Men" alum is reportedly dating Nick Viall — a man that our close friend calls "a feat of artificial intelligence, successfully engineered to be boring and appreciate mirrors." Traditionally, you may know him as the "Bachelor" that had the nerve to reject Rachel Lindsay on the 21st season of the series.



The couple got together after she admitted on "The Late Late Show with James Corden" that she's a huge fan of "The Bachelor."

"You don't know if you like him or if he's a scumbag, but that's why I'm attracted to him, maybe," Jones said of Viall on the show. Way to neg him, girl!

A source tells Page Six that the pair has been dating for about two months. Cool, I guess? I mean, whatever makes y'all happy.

Girl, I guess.

Sharon Stone laughed at clueless interviewer

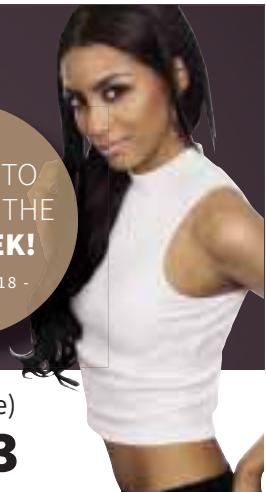
In case you haven't been paying attention, sexual misconduct is rampant ... everywhere. It's a mother-flipping epidemic. So obviously, when an interviewer asked actress Sharon Stone if she'd ever experienced inappropriate behavior in Hollywood, Stone did what any sane person would do: She laughed for 10 full seconds.

Her laughter then made its way up to the clouds and rained back down on her interviewer, Lee Cowan, who literally said, "You're laughing. I don't



know if that's a nervous laugh or 'Are you kidding me? Of course I was' laugh." Stone then kept it 100, as she does, telling Cowan, "I've been in this business for 40 years, Lee. Can you imagine the business I stepped into 40 years ago? Looking like I look, from Nowhere, Pennsylvania? I didn't come here with any protection," she said. "I've seen it all."

Um, we think we love Sharon Stone now? Yes. We cherish Sharon Stone now. Sorry it took so long, Shar.



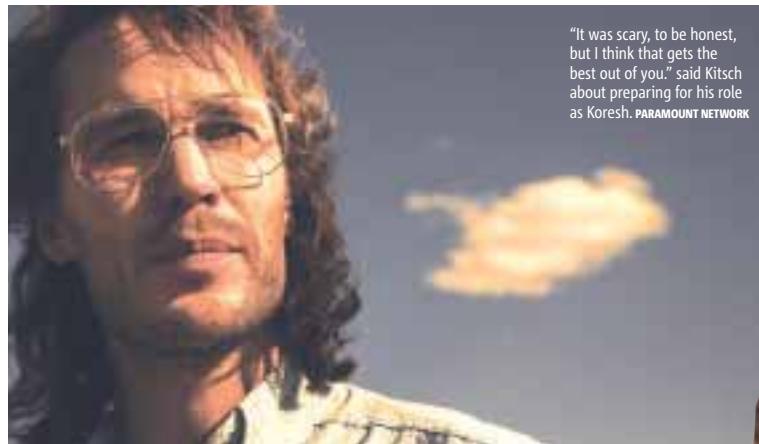
Taylor Kitsch on his new miniseries 'Waco'

The actor portrays the infamous cult leader David Koresh.



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2018 marks the 25th anniversary of the horrific conflict that took place in Waco, Texas, between members of the cult known as the Branch Davidians, led by David Koresh, and the ATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms). The agents were given an order by then-Attorney General, Janet Reno, to intervene at Koresh's compound in order to seize an illegal weapons stockpile kept by the cult. As a result, a firefght and fierce 51-day standoff took place outside of the compound that ended in tragedy with the Davidians, at the order of Koresh, burning their entire compound with everyone inside it to the ground. So much has been said over the



"It was scary, to be honest, but I think that gets the best out of you," said Kitsch about preparing for his role as Koresh. PARAMOUNT NETWORK

years, as many believe that not only were the Davidians in the wrong for what they did but that the government had also violated their rights during this siege.

This sad moment in American history has been adapted into a miniseries titled "Waco" with Taylor Kitsch portraying David Koresh. The miniseries was written and directed by the Dowdle

Brothers premieres Jan. 24 on the newly minted Paramount Network. I caught up with Kitsch to find out what it was like playing the infamous cult-leader.

What was it like getting into character to play David Koresh?
It was beyond scary. Learning to play the guitar and sing and obviously diving into his

whole story. Diving into David's home videos and hundreds of hours of calls. Reading David Thibodeau and Gary Noesner's books ("Waco: A Survivor's Story" and "Stalling for Time: My Life as an FBI Hostage



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Negotiator.") You just try to take in as much information as you can. It was scary, to be honest, but I think that gets the best out of you.

Did you have any sympathy for Koresh while playing him?

Yes, to be blunt. For all of the Davidians. The kids and their families. Obviously, it's an amalgamation of ego on both sides. Just one wrong decision after another. It's a tragedy. I truly believe that the end didn't have to happen that way. What we do in

this is play it all out as matter-of-fact as much as we can and allow the viewers to make their own decisions. We were really conscious of that while filming.

2018 marks the 25th anniversary of the standoff in Waco. What do you think is Waco's legacy?
I think that's up for discussion. You take all of those things in and hopefully we can talk about it and raise awareness that one kind of f—k up after another lead to this. On both sides! You watch some of the hearings they had on Capitol Hill and see that there were some biases in it and the political game being played at its best. That's what's scary as well. For David's legacy? I feel like there is so much more to be said. I wish he was still around so we could pick his brain and talk to him, and the rest of the Davidians, so that we could learn more so that it never happens again.

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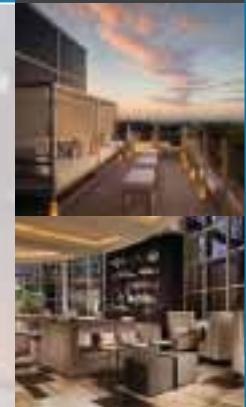
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One of DC's best restaurants pops up in Nolita

Mid-Atlantic renaissance chef Jeremiah Langhorne tells us about bringing his restaurant The Dabney to New York.



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Save yourself the trip to Washington, D.C. — as if anyone wants to be closer to the heart of American politics right now — and book a table at the New York city pop-up of one of its most popular restaurants, The Dabney.

Owner/chef Jeremiah Langhorne has brought his restaurant — and staff! — to the city for a

three-month residency at Nolita's Chefs Club called The Dabney NYC.

"We are trying to bring the most important aspects of the restaurant to a new space and audience," Langhorne says. "We have focused on making the experience for diners similar to the one at The Dabney in D.C. by doing things like bringing in our same plateware and similar décor and crafting similar menu items."

Trained in the rising food destination of Charleston by Sean Brock, the chef who kicked off a Southern food renaissance in 2010 at his restaurant Husk, Langhorne has received similar accolades for reviving Mid-Atlantic cuisine at The Dabney, which earned a Michelin

star in its first year.

Langhorne gets much of his inspiration from historic cookbooks with an emphasis on foraging — a product of his apprenticeship at Copenhagen's now-legendary Noma restaurant — and seasonal produce from local farms.

"To me, Mid-Atlantic cuisine is all about showcasing the amazing farmers and producers in our region, whether that means fish, produce, pork, cheese, you name it," he says. "The geogra-



Chef Jeremiah Langhorne

Cape May Lobster and Grits at The Dabney NYC. ALL PHOTOS ANDREW CEBULKA

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served with root vegeta
bles, Cape May lobster and
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loin are just a few of the
menu highlights.

Langhorne is also try
ing something new, open
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Dabney Cellar with small
plates and cocktails with
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One difference be
tween D.C. and New York
will be how the food is pre
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to try to bring aspects of
the flavor the hearth cre
ates to our food," he says.

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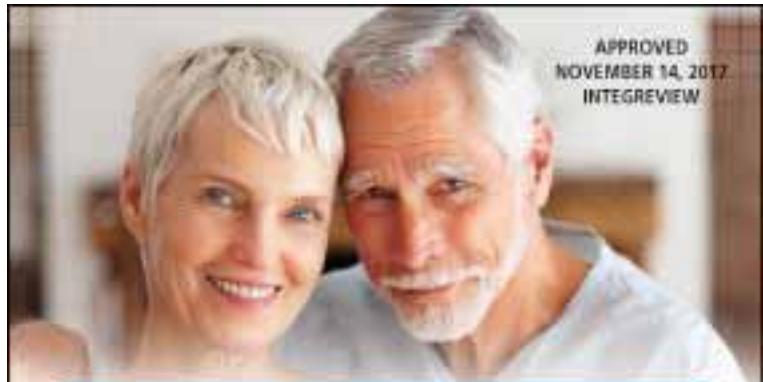
Bar 54's full food and drink menus are available in the bubbles, including seasonal cocktails like the Hot Bourbon Spiked Cider and Peppermint Patty (Santa Teresa 1976 rum, Pierre Ferrand 1840 cognac, white crème de menthe, cacao, cream and egg).

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It warms you, relaxes you, soothes your aches and pains and — oh, yeah — keeps you clean. Whilst soaking in the tub, you can zone out or practice mindfulness, read a book or stream a show, listen to music or be silent, sip a glass of wine or let the self-care be a substitute for substances.

If there were ever a time to take the pastime to the next level, it's now, when each day brings new lows in both the weather and the news cycle. Here's everything you need to pimp out your bath time.

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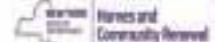
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Pat Shurmur by the numbers

Metro takes a look at how the Giants' expected new head coach has fared as a coach in the NFL.

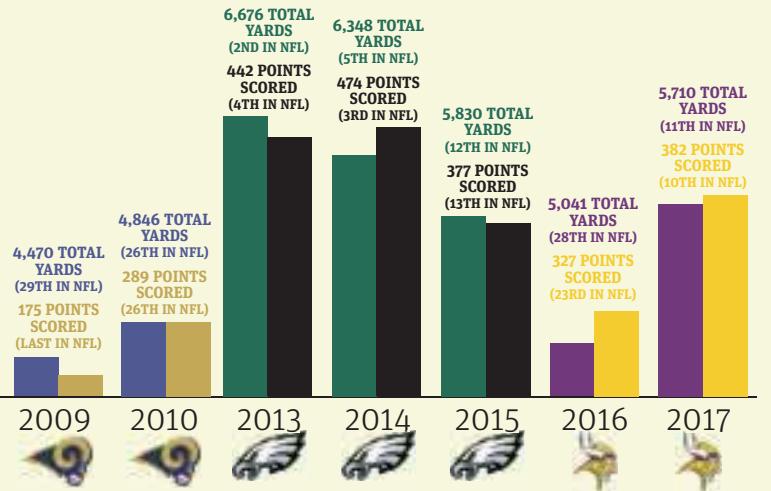
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The New York Giants might have found their new head coach in Pat Shurmur, though nothing can be official until the Minnesota Vikings offensive coordinator's season comes to an end.

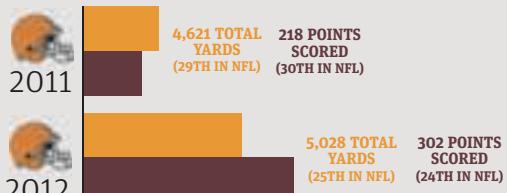
Shurmur has spent most of his time in the NFL as an offensive coordinator, working with the side of the ball in which the Giants will need most of their help with. New York finished 21st in total offense and 31st in points scored.

Here is how Shurmur's offenses have performed in the past, which could give Giants fans a preview of their new leading man:

SHURMUR'S OFFENSIVE RANKS AS COORDINATOR



SHURMUR'S OFFENSIVE RANKS AS HEAD COACH



Frank Ntilikina is starting to look like a triple-double threat

It was a given that New York Knicks rookie point guard Frank Ntilikina was going to take some time to develop upon his arrival to the NBA. But after Monday afternoon's 119-104 win over the Brooklyn Nets, the organization got a glimpse of what the French product could become.

The 19-year-old helped New York put together a monster fourth quarter in which they build and held their comfortable advantage, unlike what happened on Sunday against the New Orleans Pelicans in which the Knicks blew a 19-point lead.

Almost squandering a 14-point fourth-quarter lead on Monday against the Nets, Ntilikina helped key the Knicks' final quarter in which they outscored Brooklyn, 36-23. He was the floor general alongside Michael Beasley, who also came off the bench to finish second on the team in scoring with 23 points.

On the afternoon,



Frank Ntilikina GETTY IMAGES

Ntilikina approached his first-career triple-double, recording 10 points, 10 assists and seven rebounds to go with a steal and two blocks. One of those rejections was the spark for New York's fourth quarter as — while holding just a two-point lead — Ntilikina blocked Caris LaVert's effort on the opening possession. The Knicks would respond with a 14-2 run.

"I played more naturally," Ntilikina said. "I did what I can do on the court, stopped thinking too much and just helped my team and teammates."

Should he continue to follow that formula, those triple-doubles are going to start flying in for the youngster, according to his teammate Beasley.

"Frank's an amazing player. He has to learn what pace he wants to go," Beasley said. "But as soon as he figures it out, Frank will be an easy triple-double guy."

He has the makeup to be great. At 6-foot-5, Ntilikina is a point guard with the length that will prove invaluable on both sides of the floor. A developing jumper and solid court vision will also make him a steady back-court option in New York that is capable of leading an offense.

But, as predicted, the growing pains are prevalent as his situational awareness needs improvement. He's averaged 5.6 points, 3.5 assists and 1.1 steals in 21.2 minutes per game; numbers that will only improve the more time he sees on the floor.

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22 SPORTS



While the Yankees have come up short in their pursuit of starting pitching this year, Metro columnist Marc Malusis implores them not to be hasty. GETTY IMAGES

YANKS, STAY AWAY FROM YU

OPINION



MARC MALUSIS

Here is my message for Yankees GM Brian Cashman: There is no need to rush into anything at this stage of the offseason. Stick to the plan.

Get under the luxury tax threshold and continue to provide opportunities for the young players from a revamped farm system that continues to prosper and thrive while being one of the best pipelines in all of Major League Baseball.

Do not, I mean it, do not go over the \$197 million luxury tax threshold to sign free agent starter Yu Darvish.

I am not saying that Darvish is not a quality starter. He is 56-42 for his career with a 3.42

ERA, but he has only made 30 or more starts just twice during his five years in the majors with the Rangers and Dodgers respectively.

Maybe you can make the argument that he is a great postseason starter. He is not.

In six career postseason starts, he is 2-4 with a 5.81 ERA. In 26.1 innings pitched, he has allowed 27 hits and 17 earned runs. Oh yeah, let's not forget that he was famously tipping pitches in the World Series.

I would certainly sign him if it was a deal that made sense, but I would not overpay for him and I certainly would not alter the plan to stay under the luxury tax threshold for him.

The same thing can be said, but for different reasoning, when it came to their interest in Pirates ace Gerrit Cole.

Cole was traded to the Astros over the weekend and I think the Yankees will be better off in the long run. There was no need to rush into a trade for Cole. There was no need to pay the hefty price that Pirates GM Neal Huntington was looking for the Yankees to pay.

Their starting rotation of Luis Severino, Masahiro Tanaka, Sonny Gray, CC Sabathia and Jordan Montgomery is good enough. I know the age-old argument that you could never have enough starting pitching, but there is depth in the minor leagues.

Top pitching prospect Chance Adams went 11-5 last year at Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre with a 2.89 ERA and provides some much needed untested depth. Adams has apparently overcome his location woes and looks to add a developing changeup to his fastball and curve.

A deal for a proven starter will be there in the regular season, you don't need to make a trade for a starter right now.

Stick to the plan.

I don't care that Giancarlo Stanton fell into your laps in a trade with the Marlins earlier in the off-season. It does not matter that the Yankees were just one victory away from the World Series last October.

They are certainly a team on the rise, but they need to stick to the plan and continue to allow the youth of the

rebuilt farm system to lead the way. I would not mind seeing Miguel Andujar at third base. I like the idea of Gleyber Torres manning second base moving forward. I want to continue to see Clint Frazier develop as a Yankee with his "legendary" bat speed. Yankees fans connected with Frazier as an effort player and he became an instant fan favorite for the style and fashion that he played the game.

Stick to the plan.

You can always go after a starter, should you need one in the regular season. There is no need to rush into a bad contract or pay a hefty price for a starter that you need more for October than you do in the regular season.

The Yankees won 91 games last season and scored 858 runs and represented a highly watchable and fun product. Fans connected to them largely because of Baby Bombers like Judge, Sanchez and Severino thrived.

The plan worked and will continue to work. Just stick to it and don't feel the pressure to make a move. Not now. There is no need.

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subject to provisions of the
aforesaid Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale;
Index # 14097/12.

Arthur Nicholas Terranova, Esq.,
Referee
SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES
Attorneys at Law
255 Merrick Road
Rockville Centre, NY 11570

Dated: 12/20/2017

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NOTICE OF SALE

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COUNTY OF QUEENS,
NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST AND
THE BANK OF NEW YORK
MELLON AS COLLATERAL
AGENT AND CUSTODIAN
FOR THE NYCTL 1998-2
TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. AMY
NELSON A/K/A NELSON
A/K/A EVANGELIST AMY
NELSON, ET AL., Defendants.
Pursuant to a Judgment of
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2018 at 10:00 a.m. premises
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of Queens, City and State
of New York, Block 10083
and Lot 2. Approximate
amount of judgment is
\$56,013.29 plus interest
and costs. Premises will be
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filed Judgment Index
703640/15.

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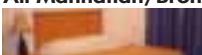
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18 Pain in the neck
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23 Kick back
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40 Wheat or rye
42 Undergrad degs.
43 From square one
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50 Like many gift shops
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65 Leafy vines
67 Painted tinware
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69 Animal restraint
70 Well-known auth.
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Down

1 Kettle handle
2 "Born Free" lioness
3 Soldiers in gray
4 Not so tough
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7 Hero's award
8 End a mortgage early
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10 Sorrowful wail

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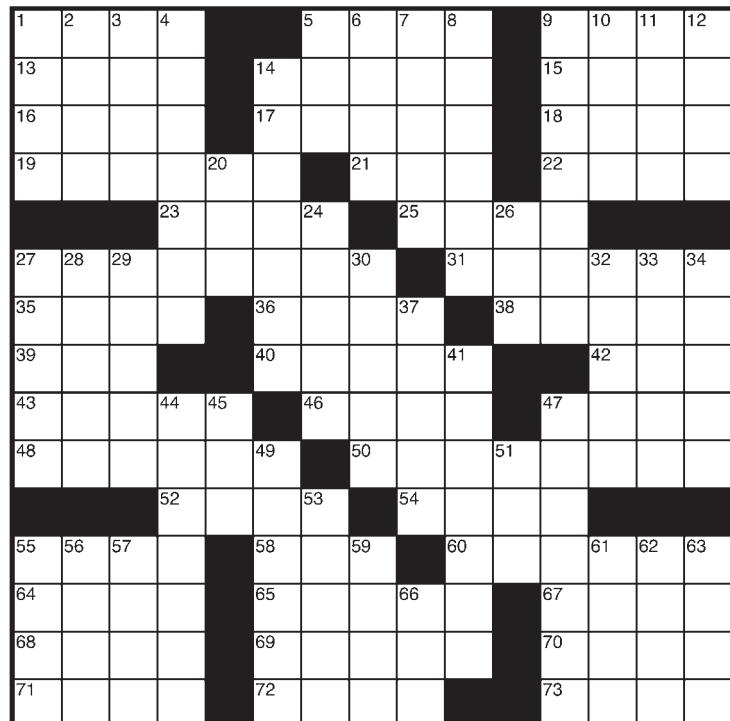
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Taurus Partnerships will work well for you. Collaborate to come up with a plan that can help you advance. Control emotions when dealing with personal matters.



Gemini Personal improvements will build your confidence and give you a greater sense of what you have to offer. Love and romance will change how or where you live.



Cancer Intelligence will be required when dealing with personal money or legal matters. Take a pass if someone urges you to let someone else handle your affairs.



Leo Emotions will surface if you can't come to terms with what others want. Don't be afraid to do your own thing, cut your overhead and lower stress.



Virgo An energetic schedule will be illuminating. Try new things and challenge your strength, courage and discipline. Stay focused and you will make a difference.



Libra Take on a physical challenge and re-evaluate your feelings and domestic situation. A change may be necessary, but first you must come up with a strategy.



Scorpio Don't let an emotional response deter you from following your heart. You must live life your way if you want to find peace and happiness.



Sagittarius Keep your thoughts secret. Saying or revealing something prematurely will put you in an awkward position. Speak the truth or say nothing at all.



Capricorn An innovative idea can give a presentation some needed pizazz. Welcome input and be ready to collaborate with people just as eager to try something new.



Aquarius Trusting someone with your money will lead to disappointment. Do your research and be willing to walk away from a deal that poses unanswered questions.



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